

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the COST OF LIVING CRISIS COMMITTEE held Monday 27th July 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Guilfoyle, Boggis, Fraser, Hayes, Hedges.

Also: Ebony Andrews – Community Engagement & Communications Officer

Clerk: Emma Green - Deputy Clerk.

128. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE COST OF LIVING COMMITTEE 2023/24

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Guilfoyle be Chair of the Cost of Living Committee for the council year 2023/24.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Fraser be the deputy Chair of the Cost of Living Committee for the council year 2023/24.

129. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthias

130. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

Cllr Boggis declared a standing interest as the Chair of Governors of Burnley Road School

131. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 4th April 2023 not itemised on this Agenda.

In respect of item 447, it was agreed that a meeting of all the groups should be progressed, and that October would be a suitable time for this to happen. Dates to be suggested to the committee.

Cllr Hayes left the meeting

132. COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME 2022/23

The grants awarded and evaluations received from groups that were funded as part of the 2022/23 programme were considered. Overall, the committee was impressed with the projects and the impact that these had.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: that the scheme this year should have its own evaluation form for completed projects. This will make it easier to assess impact, value for money and to compare projects.

133.

PURPOSE OF FUNDS & PRIORITIES 2023/24

The previous years priorities and arrangements were considered in detail. It was agreed that this year's needs are somewhat unknown and that there are a number of different factors to consider such as the impact of rising mortgage rates as people come to the end of their fixed terms, and the support of children's meals through the school holidays. Following a discussion,

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: That the key priorities for this committee would be the provision of food and warmth, also considering the detrimental emotional impact of social isolation caused by poverty. The committee would welcome applications from constituted groups for grants between £100 and £5000 and each grant would be assessed on its merits, it may be that where an application does not meet the criteria it is referred to Community Funding. The committee agreed that staff costs relating to projects would not be funded.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: That there should now be significant community engagement announcing that the committee is operational and welcomes applications based on the information above.

134.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING & MEETING FREQUENCY

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: That a meeting of this committee should be held in September in preparation for winter and the Clerk will circulate a date for this. Meeting will then be quarterly or as demand for its services dictate.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the COST OF LIVING CRISIS COMMITTEE held Thursday 14th September 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Guilfoyle, Fraser & Hedges.

Ebony Andrews – Community Engagement & Communications Officer

Clerk: Jason Boom - Town Clerk.

193. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Cllr Matthias and Cllr Boggis.

To ensure the committee is able to hold quorate meetings additional members for the committee are to be sought..

194. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

Cllr Hedges as a trustee of Calder Food Support.

195. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 27th July 2023 not itemised on this Agenda

The meeting was advised that the key objectives had been updated.

196. FUNDS AVAILABLE

The meeting considered the budget request to be made to full council. The 2022/23 budget was considered a benchmark and totalled £30k.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: that an initial allocation of £30k be made for the committee this year. That allocation will include an award to HRTC staff in line with last year's support.

197. DOCUMENTS

Ebony Andrews advised the meeting of the review of documents updating the application form, evaluation form and notes relating to the Cost of Living Crisis. The application form should be altered to reflect that it relates to the Town Council and not a particular committee.

198. UPDATE

Ebony Andrews advised that the recipients in 2022/23 had been contacted directly with information. Posters, a website feature and social media posts had been circulated to attract new interest.

This information will be reposted to re-enforce the message and the previous year's recipients recontacted.

199. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: that the committee next meets on Thursday 26th October at 1pm and will consider first applications for financial support.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the COST OF LIVING CRISIS COMMITTEE held Thursday 26th October 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Bampton Smith, Guilfoyle, Boggis & Hedges.

Also: Ebony Andrews – Community Engagement & Communications Officer

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk.

- 250. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**
Cllr Fraser with Cllr Bampton Smith substituting.
- 251. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
Cllr Hedges as a Trustee of Calder Food Support.
- 252. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 14th September 2023 not itemised on this Agenda**
No matters were arising.
- 253. REQUESTS FOR COST OF LIVING CRISIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL**

Note: Cllr Hedges left the room.

- a) Calder Food Support £5,000.00
It was moved by Cllr Boggis
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: that an award of £5,000.00 be made.

Note: Cllr Hedges returned to the room.

- b) Cragg Vale's Community Hubbub £2,055.00
It was moved by Cllr Hedges
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: that an award of £2,055.00 be made.
- c) Hebden Bridge Methodists £750.00
It was moved by Cllr Hedges
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: that an award of £750.00 be made.
- d) St James Church £1,000.00
It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: that an award of £1,000.00 be made. The committee look forward to seeing this activity advertised locally as outlined in the application.

The Communications Officer will collate all activities in the Hebden Royd area and publicise them to encourage uptake.

Further press releases and activity on Social Media will be circulated to remind local groups of the funding available and to encourage them to apply.

254. COST OF LIVING CRISIS REPORTS

The Town Clerk confirmed that both the Hebden Bridge Community Association and the Dodnaze Community Association had received funding from other organisations and were running activities throughout the winter. The new management team at Hope Baptist Church have been made aware of the fund available to them.

Councillors reported on increase numbers of food bags being circulate both in Hebden Royd a in neighbouring areas.

255. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meetings will be convened jointly by the Committee Chair and the Clerk when applications have been received.

The meeting finished at 1.30pm.